(b) what, will be the likely cost of these tractors;

(c) whether excise duty has been fully exempted on these tractors; and

(d) whether these have been included in the NABARD scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITION AL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :

(a) Names of the manufacturers in the organised sector who have taken up manufacture of tractors of 25 HP and below are :—

(1) M/s. Eicher Tractors Ltd.

(2) M/s. Escorts Ltd.

(3) M/s. HMT Ltd.

(4) M/s. Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd.

(5) M/s. Pratap Steels Ltd.

(6) M/s. Punjab Tractors Ltd.

(7) Tractors and Farm Equipments Ltd.

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(b) The Ex-factory price of these tractors ranges between Rs. 87,000 to 1,30,000.

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(e) and (d) Yes. Sir. Tractors upto 1800 ex. engine capacity (equivalent to 25 H.P.) are exempted from excise duty and are included in the NABARD refinancing scheme.

Use of brand names by multinational companies

3220. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the multinational companies are adopting a strategy gradually dropping the Indian prefix to the Indian manufactured products thereby pushing their Indian partners to a secondary status and losing out the competitive advantage in the global economy ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the implications of the multi nationals move;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate a comprehensive policy to safeguard the interests of the private sector in building up its global presence for their brand names ; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction ?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) With the removal of the restrictions on the use of purely foreign brand names/trade marks on goods for internal sales, it is purely a matter of contractual arrangement between multinational companies and the Indian collaborator to use whichever trade mark/brand name the parties agree upon.

(c) and (d) The Government has already introduced a comprehensive bill titled as "Trade Marks Bill, 1993," to replace the existing legislation on the subject. The Bill *inter alia* seeks to provide for registration and better protection of trade marks for goods and services and for the prevention of use of fraudulent marks by enhancing punishment for trade mark offences, and thereby safeguarding consumer protection.

Development of small and village Companies

3221. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have urged the State Governments to repeal all those laws which were against the development of village enterprises;

the details of the guidelines issued in this respect;

(c) whether there is any machinery to check the growth of small and village enterprises in she country ; and

datails thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMTX SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As n part of the process of implementation of the policy measures for promoting and strengthening Small. Tiny and Village Industries, announced on August, 6, 199!, Government have advised all State Governments to undertake a thorough review of all State laws and procedures with a view to rationalise and simplify them in so far as they apply to smell and village industries.

(c) The Government has set up a Department of Small Scale Industries and Agro & Rural Industries in the Ministry of Industry for monitorine the growth of small and village industries in the count." .